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Plate 1. To shew the wearing of the Plate.



The first state. Dark, heavily printed stamps, with all the lines of the background very clear.

The normal condition of Plate 1.





The lines of the design are still quite crisp, and most of the apparent difference to be noted is probably due to printing.



The fine lines of the face and scroll-work are becoming very faint, though they can still all be distinguished.

A very heavy print, but note the difference between this stamp and the one at the top of the page.





The fine lines tend to break and disappear, notably the central line of the scrolls on the left of the oval.



A print from the plate when much worn, shewing hardly any of the fine lines in the face or scrolls.
Note also the fact that the gum is white.